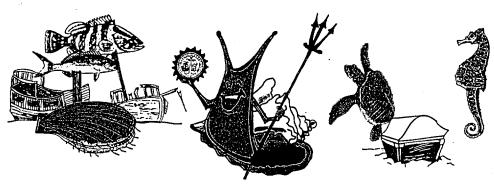
## **BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

## AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

Meeting Date: Sept. 15, 2004	Division: BOCC
Bulk Item: Yes No _X	Department: DISTRICT 5
AGENDA ITEM WORDING:	Proclamation to observe "FIRE PREVENTION WEEK" October 3 through October 9, 2004
ITEM BACKGROUND:	Fire Prevention Week has been celebrated nationally since 1925. Fire Chief Clark Martin will receive the proclamation.
PREVIOUS RELEVANT BOCC	ACTION:
CONTRACT/AGREEMENT CHANGES:	
STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS	:
TOTAL COST: N/A	BUDGETED: Yes No
COST TO COUNTY:	SOURCE OF FUNDS:
REVENUE PRODUCING: Yes_	No AMOUNT PER MONTH Year
APPROVED BY: County Atty	OMB/Purchasing Risk Management
DIVISION DIRECTOR APPROV	VAL: MAYOR MURRAY E. NELSON
DOCUMENTATION: Include	led _x To Follow Not Required
DISPOSITION:	AGENDA ITEM #



## Mayor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, Fire Prevention Week was established to commemorate the Great Chicago Fire of 1871 that tragically killed more than 250 people, left 100,000 homeless, destroyed more than 17,400 structures and burned more than 2,000 acres.

WHEREAS, this event changed the way the firefighters and public officials thought about fire safety.

WHEREAS, on the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Great Chicago Fire, the Fire Marshals Association of North America (today known as the International Fire Marshals Association), decided that the anniversary of the Great Chicago Fire should henceforth be observed not with festivities, but in a way that would keep the public informed about the importance of fire prevention.

WHEREAS, in 1920, President Woodrow Wilson issued the first National Fire Prevention Day proclamation, and since 1922, National Fire Prevention Week has been observed on the Sunday through Saturday period in which October 9 falls.

WHEREAS, The President of the United States has signed a proclamation pronouncing a national observance during that week every year since 1925.

WHEREAS, Fire Prevention Week 2004 is October 3-9 with the theme "It's Fire Prevention Week: Test Your Smoke Alarms".

WHEREAS, recognition is due to all members of fire rescue personnel serving in a variety of roles for their unselfish dedication to Florida's residents and visitors.

NOW THEREFORE, by the power vested in me as Mayor of Monroe County, Florida, I do hereby proclaim October 3 through 9, 2004 as

## FIRE PREVENTION WEEK

The citizens of Monroe County, Florida, and all citizens are called upon to observe this week with the appropriate ceremonies and activities.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the County of Monroe, Florida, this 15 $^{\rm th}$  day of September 2004.

Mayor Murray E. Nelson